

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 15, 2012
1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

PRESENT

RCRV board members: Jim Green, John McDonough, Bill Ellis, Dick Lenth, Bob Ocken, Jim Klein, Cliff Koop, Mike Wilson, Keith Sutherland, Terry Lamb, Jim Spencer, Jack Murphy, Don Grimm, John Wauer, and Chuck Wehage
Community Service Agency Members:

- Karla Terry- Linn-Mar Community Schools
- Angie Ehle-WRAP
- Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County
- Jessica Link- RSVP
- Tracy Robertson- Heritage
- Debra Applebee – Salvation Army
- Theresa Robinson – Vision in Motion
- Theresa Roberts

Guest/ Rockwell Collins: Melanie Richert, speaker

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 21 board members were present and one guest.

MINUTES

Jim Green moved to accept the January 2012 RCRV board minutes as posted on the website. John McDonough seconded. Motion carried, Minutes adopted, with one correction to add Jim Spencer as in attendance.

PRESENTATION

Melanie Richert spoke about changes in the Community Relations area at R-C.

Engineering Experiences is the new name for K-12 programs, and STEM was mentioned. The Rockwell-Collins Community Relations organization consists of: Jenny Becker, Manager; Kim Beals, Education; Melanie Richert, Community Relations; Joan Shafer, Grants; Barb Klawiter, REACT.

Last school year, 1800 R-C employees contributed 20,000 hours to educational stuff. Legos has seen fourfold growth in the last 6 years. The long goal for Rockwell Collins is to see robotic programs in every high school in Iowa. There are currently 65 First Tech Challenge teams, necessitating regional tournaments.

STEM is an ongoing focus, and especially during Engineers Week, Feb 19-25. More emphasis needs to be placed on attracting girls to STEM education and careers.

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Finally, for any RCRV volunteers, R-C has classroom kits for quick, fun technical education projects, with versions suitable for all grades.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of new board member: John McDonough moved to accept the new Salvation Army representative on our board; Debra Applebee. Mike Wilson seconded.
Motion carried and the new board member welcomed.

- The work starts on disbursement of the RCRV grants; the theme will be the same as last year.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

- Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton – a cash drawer operated by a switch is needed to go with the cash register simulator.
- WRAP – Angie Ehle
 - Two ramps have been completed in 2012, thanks to good weather
 - The annual Appreciation Breakfast is March 29 at the St. Lukes Heart Center
 - New classes for ramp designers are scheduled for April 12
- Salvation Army – Debra Applebee
 - Large numbers of volunteers are needed in events coming up in April and May. These are dinners for needy folks and fun activities for families with children. Sign up at tsacedarrapids.org
- Heritage – Tracy Robertson
 - Planning a trip to Des Moines for the purpose of meeting with legislators
- College Community School- Kathy Waychoff
 - Congratulations to all on the honor of being inducted into the Volunteer Hall of Fame.
 - * We are excited about the possibility of building a new elementary building on our campus. We are growing in leaps and bounds. The bond issue vote will be held on Tuesday, April 3. If you would like to see more information on our upcoming bond issue, please visit our website, www.prairiepride.org and click on the blue bar on the home page.
 - I have given an updated list of requested projects to John McDonough for RCRV to consider.

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- College Community Schools will be hosting the 2012 Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service on Friday, June 29.
- Theresa Robinson – Aging Services
 - Nearing success in capital campaign for Marion Milestones
 - Working on scheduling software for arranging rides – may need some help from RCRV
- Linn-Mar School District- Karla Terry;
 - Starting Parent University – Novak Building

 - Children's Theatre of Cedar Rapids and Linn-Mar High School Drama Department will present Disney's Jungle Book on March 1 and 2 at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 3 at 2 and 4:30 p.m. This performance is part of Cedar Rapids Children's Theatre 60th Anniversary season. Single admission tickets may be purchased at the high school 45 minutes prior to the performance. Tickets for adults and children (12 months and older) are \$3.00 each with general admission seating.
 - Playtime Poppy is set for the first week in March
- RSVP- Jessica Link
 - Volunteer Awareness Day is coming up – Des Moines

 - Membership Status: Current RCRV members – 239; New members in 2012 - 1
 - RCRV Hours Report 2012 hours to date – 956; Number of volunteers reporting hours - 44

Here is the information about the three community volunteer awards that are currently accepting nominations. For nomination information/forms, please contact Jessica Link at jelink@uweci.org

- 2012 Recognition of Service Awards, Heritage Area Agency on Aging due March 1. Seniors are 60+
- United Way Community Volunteer Awards 2012, United Way of East Central Iowa, due March 1 Seniors are 55+
<http://unitedwayofeastcentraliowa.org/volunteerawards2012/>
- Salute to Seniors Home Instead Due March 15 Seniors are 65+
<http://www.salutetoseniorservice.com/>

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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- COMMUNITY PROJECTS- John McDonough
 - Honor Flights are scheduled for 4/2/12 and 5/24/12. Please contact Mike or Arlo if you have an interest, or if you know of someone who may be interested.
 - The 2012 Charitable Grant Program will again be "using assistive devices to help the disabled" due to so many requests received last year that were turned down. Bob Clark is chair of the team responsible for the awarding of the grants.
 - REACT Center will host a "computer maintenance class" again The this year with Don Wickenkamp teaching.
 - Governor award Ceremonies will be held at Prairie High School on 6/29/12. We will provide ushers and parking attendants again this year with Rockwell Collins providing lemonade and cookies.
 - AARP income tax program is now going full force thru April 15, 2012. We have several folks who are volunteering for this effort. If you would like assistance, contact 211 for an appointment.
 - We continue to support many area nonprofit agencies. I will not name at this time, but you can see them on my normal weekly minutes.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

- COMMUNICATIONS- Jim Green
 - A committee is working on fixing up the RCRV.org web site, including help from a class of Kirkwood students. The focus is on improving the interface to potential recruits and to the public.
 - Jim will support the Hall of Fame ceremony for volunteers
 - The February issue of "The Volunteer" is on the web site. The usual delays are being encountered in the mailing of hard copies
- DATA BASE- Jim Klein
 - The mailing label list for the RCRV November newsletter was made and sent to Rockwell Collins.
 - The new retiree lists for the past year were sent to Jessica Link so a welcome letter can be sent to these people.
 - Database was updated for:
 - Obituaries from Wilma Shadle

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- Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages
 - Bill Ellis and I updated the database for address changes resulting from the last newsletter mailing
 - I am waiting to make the mailing list for the next newsletter because I should be getting the new retiree list from RCI soon. I will send the list to RCI when the address are need whether or not I have the new list.
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- MEMBERSHIP /RECRUITMENT- Jessica Link
 - Recruiting Update:Orientation meeting on 2/16/12; Sending out new retiree letters from distribution lists in July and September 2011, with over 60 letters to ship this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:50.

The next board meeting will be February 15, 2012 at 1:30 at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by: C. Wehage